

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY JAN 22: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)

MONDAY JAN 23

TUESDAY JAN 24: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

6:45pm PREP Parents (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Families For Christ (School Gym)
7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm Spanish Rosary (Church)
7:30pm Ablaze Charismatic Prayer Group (Church Basement)

WEDNESDAY JAN 25: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

6:45pm PREP Parents (Seminar Room)
6:45pm Bible Study (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

THURSDAY JAN 26: STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

6:30pm Couples For Christ (Church Basement)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm RCIA (Seminar Room)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:30pm Pro-Life Apologetics Workshop (School Gym)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

FRIDAY JAN 27: ST. ANGELA MERICI

5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
6:00pm Project Cana (Seminar Room)
6:00pm Street Ministry (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Holy Trinity Community (Rectory Library)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

SATURDAY JAN 28: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

9:00am Knights of Columbus (School Gym)
10:00am Handmaids of the Lord (Seminar Room)
2:00pm CFC-FFL (Rectory Basement)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Rectory Living Room)
5:00pm Youth Ministry (Church Basement)
5:00pm CFC-FFL (School Gym)
7:00pm Taize Adoration (Church)

SUNDAY JAN 29: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00am Youth Ministry YA (Rectory Dining)
1:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm
followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5pm

Sunday: 8am 9:30am 11:15am 1pm 3pm(**Tagalog**) 5pm 7pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Wednesday 6pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday 7:20am & Saturday 8am

DIVINE MERCY: Friday 3pm & 6:15pm

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am-9pm

CONFESSION:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9am-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 7pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment may be made through the Parish Office

HOLY COMMUNION: Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

BAPTISM: To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Email parish.smarv@rcav.org **at least six months prior** to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz

Email:rcia.smarv@rcav.org

PREP/TEEN PREP: Catechism for children attending public schools

Coordinator: Edwin Cruz

E-mail: prep.smarv@rcav.org

Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30-8pm / Teen Prep Wednesdays only

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Coordinator: Rocelyn Catris

Email: youth.smarv@rcav.org

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff

Website: www.stmary.bc.ca

Phone: (604) 437-1312

Fax: (604) 437-1193

PASTORS & STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P. (ext. 6)

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, O.P. (ext. 3)

Assistant to the Pastors: Theresa De Ocampo (ext. 6)

Finance & Property Manager: Ossie Fernandes (ext. 7)

Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Rocelyn Catris (ext. 247)

RCIA/PREP Coordinator: Edwin Cruz (ext. 5)

Reception: Marianne Peraro (ext. 0)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 8:45am to 5pm
Ph:604-435-9611 Email:parish.smarv@rcav.org Web:www.stmarysvancouver.ca



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5251 Joyce Street

Vancouver BC V5R 4G8

tel: (604) 435-9611 fax: (604) 439-9413

email: parish.smarv@rcav.org

web: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysvancouver

JAN 22, 2017

Pastor's Corner

LET'S GO FISHING

Do you perceive Jesus as a teacher who came and saw what was wrong with us, then told us what to do, and went safely back to his Father? That is not the way of Jesus! He is with you, right now, into the darkest places of your life, and in the darkest places of planet Earth. "He is there where there is darkness, oppression, hardship and he is there in the doom and gloom of everyday life, in your physical illness, in all forms of psychological, mental, and spiritual distress. He is there in your particular way that you are worrying about your children, about your parents, about your spouse. He is there in that deep injustice that destroyed your reputation; in that old grudge; in the loss of a loved one, in your own fears and vulnerability, in your profound failures, in your persistent sin." (Adapted from Bishop Barron)

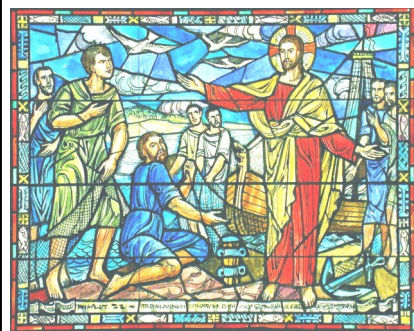
How can I say that? It's written all over the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover; and more to it, with the Incarnation, with Jesus Christ, true God, true man. God is undergoing personally all the possible trials we are going through. "He was tempted in every way we are." (Hebrews 4:15) He suffered in all the ways we suffer. And he put his light in the darkest places. During his life, he dealt with the darkest forces as a warrior and a lover. He took all into himself, absorbed it, and transformed it into himself. From the darkest places, he let his light shine on us. He started his public ministry in the darkest places of Israel, in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali, of the Northern Kingdom where the first invasion of the enemy happened. He invaded it with light, grace, and truth. Then he moved slowly to the south where the second invasion happened, in Jerusalem. He was crucified there and rose again on the third day. And he is still with us today. He recapitulated all the history of Israel, and succeeded where it had failed. He is still doing that today, all over the world.

Don't think of Jesus as an individual. Rather, he is part of the divine family, of the communion of grace, power, and truth between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Where

Pastor's Corner Continued...

Pastor's Corner Continued...

he walks, the Creator and Redeemer is walking, loving, and healing. He is restoring that original intimacy with God that was in the Garden. Why is life still difficult then? It's because we have to be transformed into him. We have to let go of our hatred, violence, fear, and stop running away from him. Be-



come vulnerable to his love, his purifying gaze. Allow yourself to be molded into him. **He is saying to you what he said to Peter and James, "Come, follow me."**

By this, he means, "Walk as I walk, do as I do, see as I see. Put love and forgiveness where there is no forgiveness and you will find love and forgiveness for yourself. Become a fisher of men, one who fish men out of darkness into the light. Gather them into me, into my divine family. I have done everything. Yet you still have everything to do. But I will be with you in your boat, fishing with you."

*God bless you,
Fr. Pierre*

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

We will continue exploring Lectio Divina to listen to what God is saying to us and to experience the Word of God Himself. Join us this Wednesday, Jan 25 at 6:45pm in the church basement. The topic will be the Sunday Gospel of Jan 29 - Matthew 5:1-12.

ENDING ABORTION IN CANADA: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) speakers Irene De Souza, Devorah Gilman, and the Calgary Outreach team for a pro-life workshop covering conversation skills and strategies that change minds and save lives! This workshop will equip you with all of the skills necessary to have effective conversations with friends and family members about the issue of abortion, and will provide other opportunities for how you can make an impact in the pro-life movement. Held on Jan 26 at 7:30pm in the school gym.

SPARK (GR.6-8) - DONUTS WELCOME

Did you miss us? We certainly missed you! And to welcome you this year, we added donut-filled fun and fellowship on Monday Jan 30 from 6:15-8:15pm in the Church basement. Invite your friends and we'll see you there! :)

FLAME (GR.8-12) - NEW YEAR WELCOME

Come celebrate the new year with your peers on Friday Jan 27 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church basement. Don't miss this night of fun, faith, and fellowship - bring friends and make new ones!

ONE-DAY OUTREACH WITH CATHOLIC STREET MISSIONARIES

Are you between 19-39? Do you want to serve Jesus in the poor? Want to see what it's like to be a street missionary for a day? Join us on Sat Feb 4 from 12:30 - 6:30pm (for men and women) and 10:30pm - 2am (for women only) in the church basement. For details or to register, visit <http://OneDayOutreach.eventbrite.ca>

WARM CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS

St. Mary's Street Ministry and Catholic Street Missionaries are asking for donation of brand-new scarves and gloves, as well as slightly used winter jackets for homeless men. Please drop off donation in the box in the foyer or bring them to the parish office Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

CANDIES DONATIONS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is asking for donation of individually -wrapped candies for the street people. Please drop off your donation in the box in the foyer. Thank you!

ESTATE & BURIAL PRESENTATION

These presentations by the Archdiocese of Vancouver Catholic Cemeteries deal with matters you may not have thought about before but will help you gather your thoughts before you write your first Will or prepare to update your Will. Learn about the beauty and reverence of the funeral rite and how to formulate Pre-Need arrangements. Receive FREE guides and loads of practical advice. These workshops will present facts and information. No investment services or insurance will be promoted or sold. Presentation is on Feb 2 at 7pm in the church basement. For more information, please contact Catholic Cemeteries by email or call 604-531-2141. You can also register online at www.rccav.org/events

DONATION MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEERS

St. Mary's Street Ministry is looking for volunteers to collect and sort donation on Sunday for the 11:15am, 1pm, 3, 5 and 7pm masses. If you can help, please email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com or call 778-885-9611. Thank you!

CATHOLIC PRESS COLLECTION

February is Catholic Press Month and with it comes the annual Catholic Press Collection. On Feb. 4-5, there will be a second collection at all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic. The collection helps defray your parish's costs for mailing the paper. For those who don't receive it, it's also a great chance to help out as all the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously Feb. 4-5 so we can continue to deliver to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver this vital, award-winning publication. Please visit www.bccatholic.ca for more info on the Catholic Press Collection and the Catholic Press Association.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS AND ANOINTING

Come to the World Day of the Sick Celebration of Mass and Anointing on Friday, Feb 10, 10:30am, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, 555 S. Slocan St. Vancouver. Archbishop Miller is the main celebrant.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/CARITAS CANADA

Development and Peace's Share Lent Workshop, focusing on the struggles and contributions of women around the world, takes place on Saturday, Feb 4 at St. Jude's Parish (3078 Renfrew St.) from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please contact Pinky Pascual at pinky.devpeace@gmail.com or by phone at 604-612-9677 to RSVP or Cora Alcuatas at coralcuitas@shaw.ca. Thank you.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of Feb 17-19, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.